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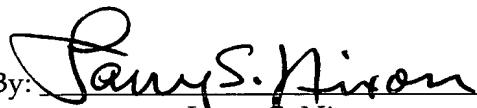
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Sir:

Approval is requested for the proposed drawing amendments shown in highlight on the attached photocopies. As noted in Appellant's July 14, 2000 response, it is unclear whether the attached photocopies with red markings were actually forwarded with the earlier December 22, 1999 letter to the Chief Draftsperson. It is also noted that the Examiner did not indicate any response to the earlier letter to the Chief Draftsperson. Accordingly, this duplicate letter to the Chief Draftsperson is being forwarded herewith for the Examiner's attention and action.

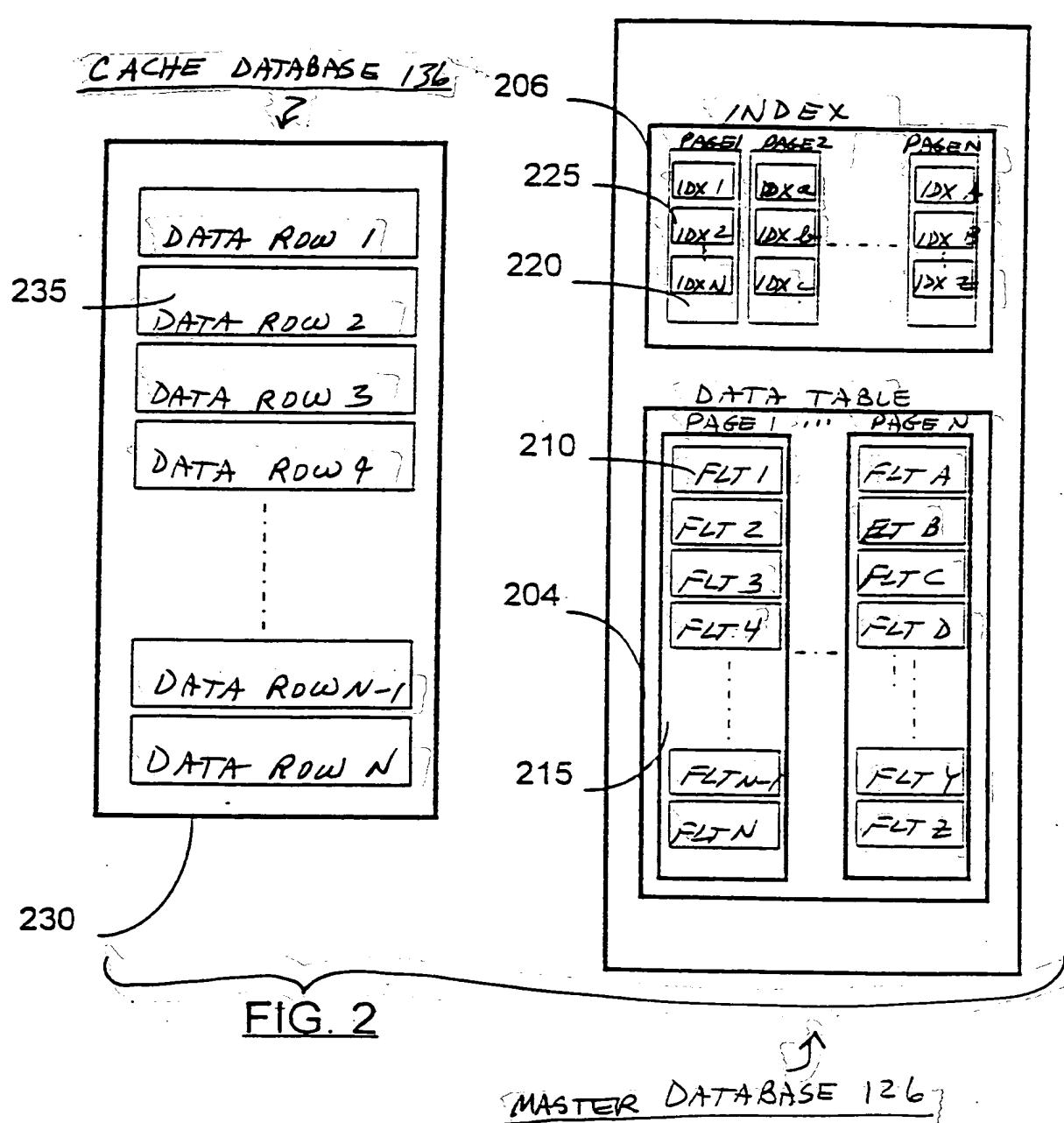
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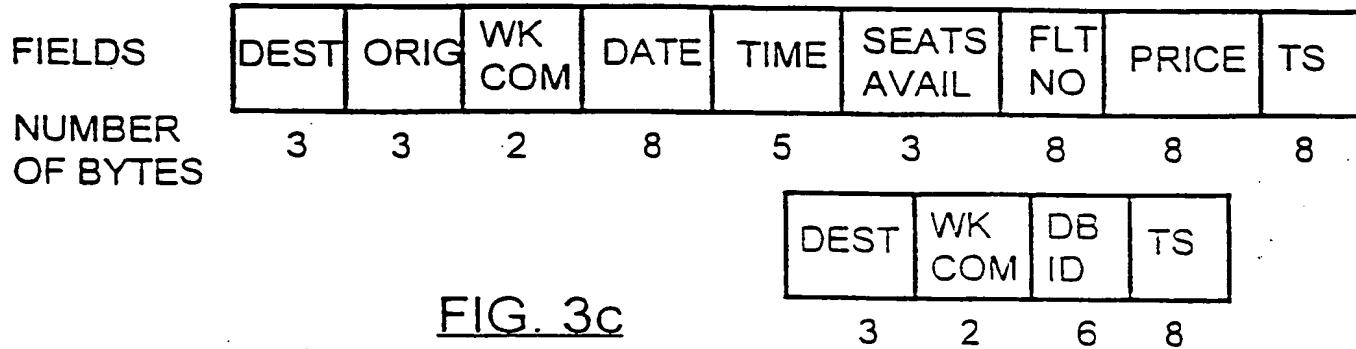
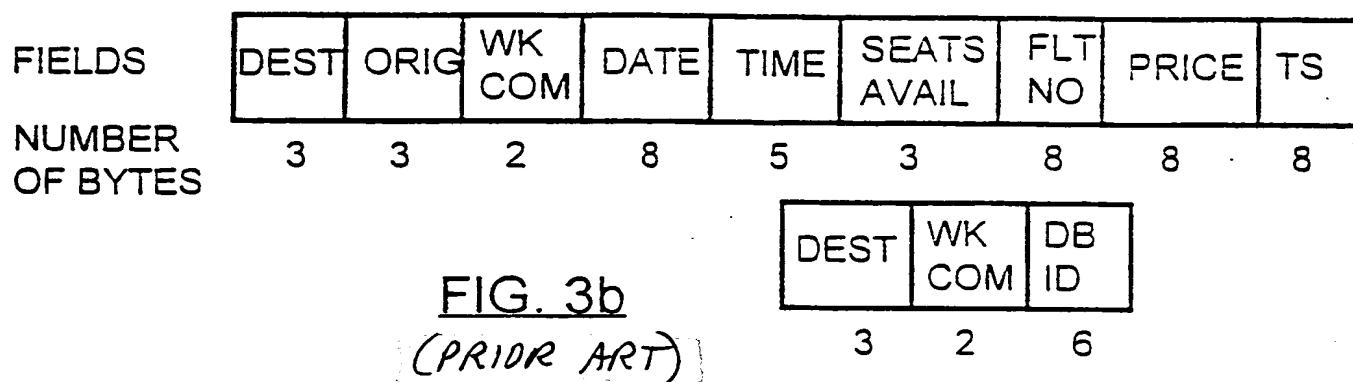
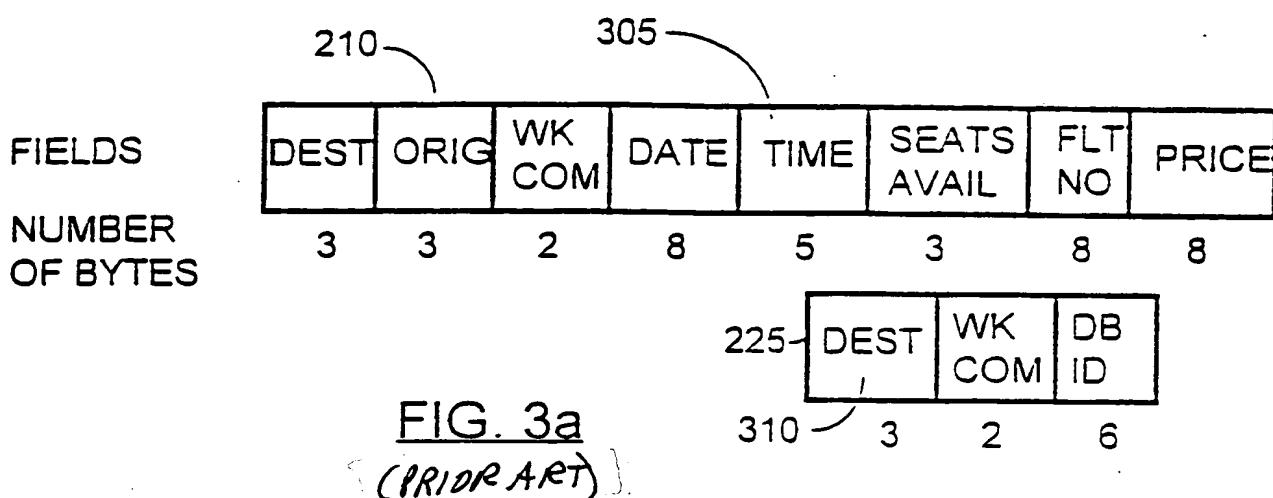
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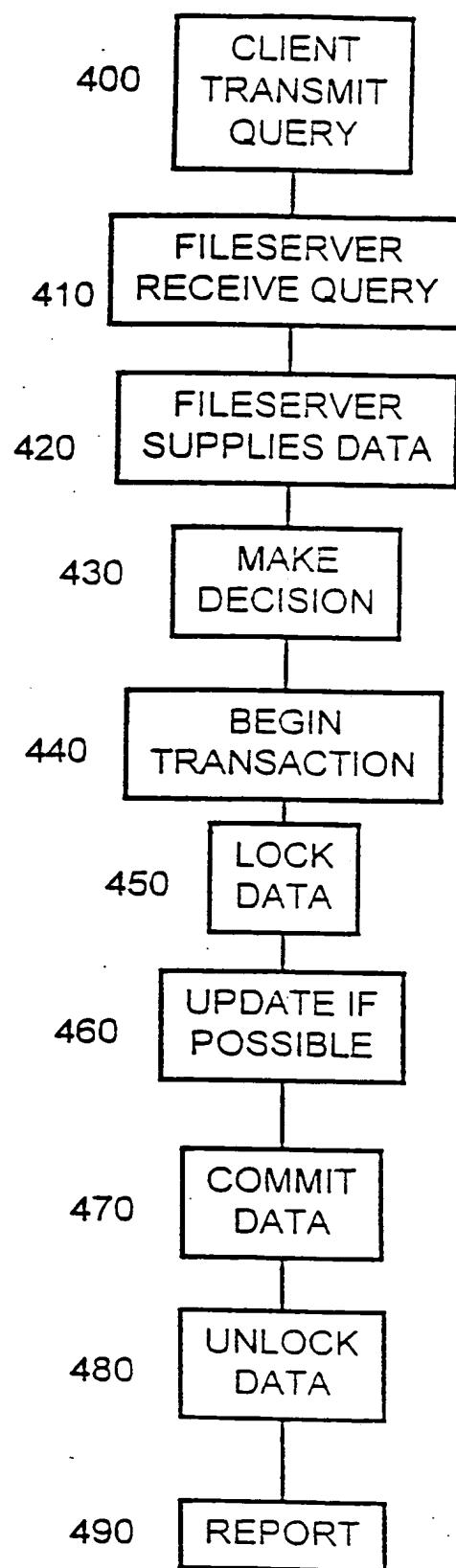


FIG. 4
(PRIOR ART)

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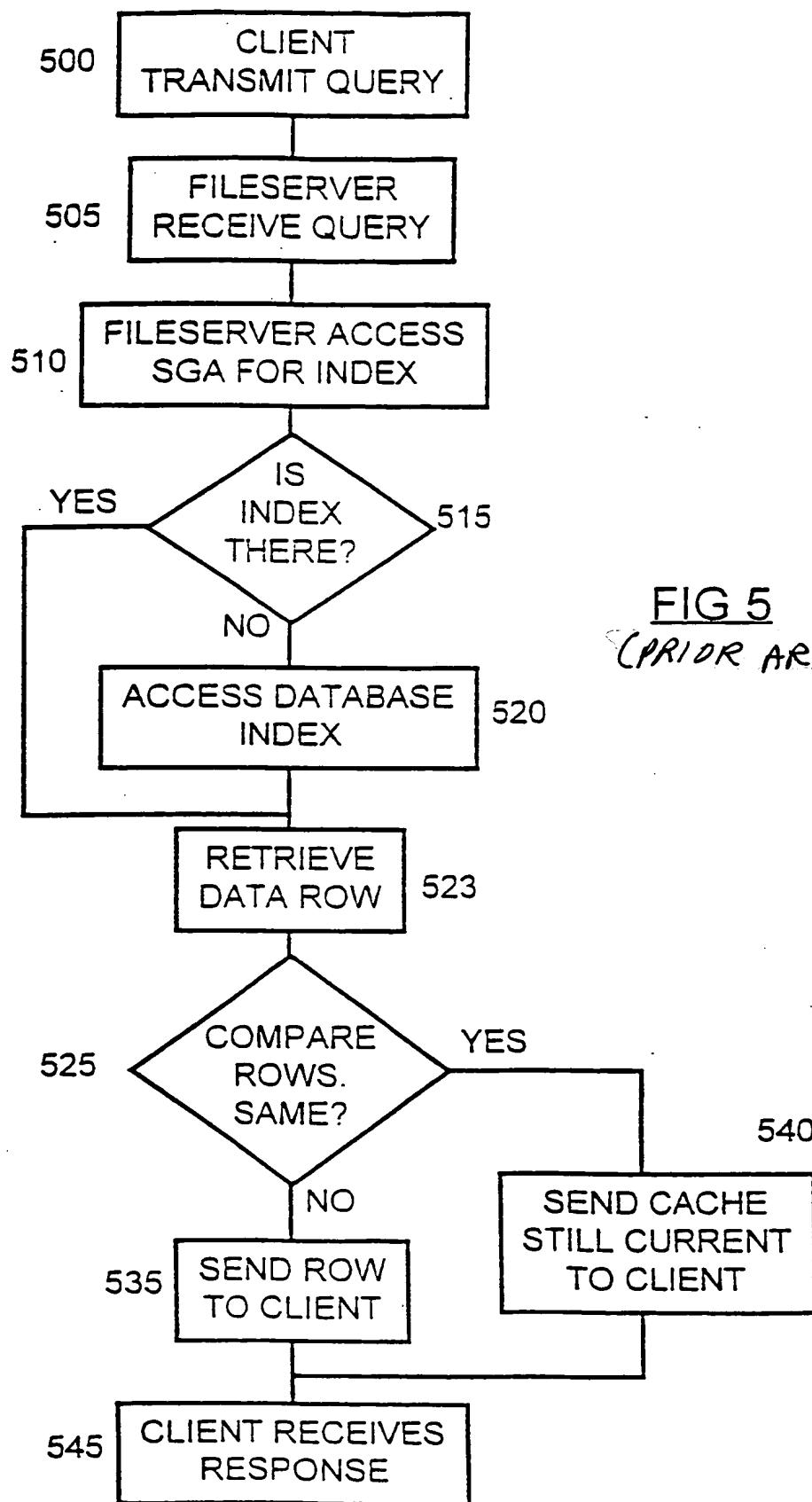


FIG 5
(PRIOR ART)

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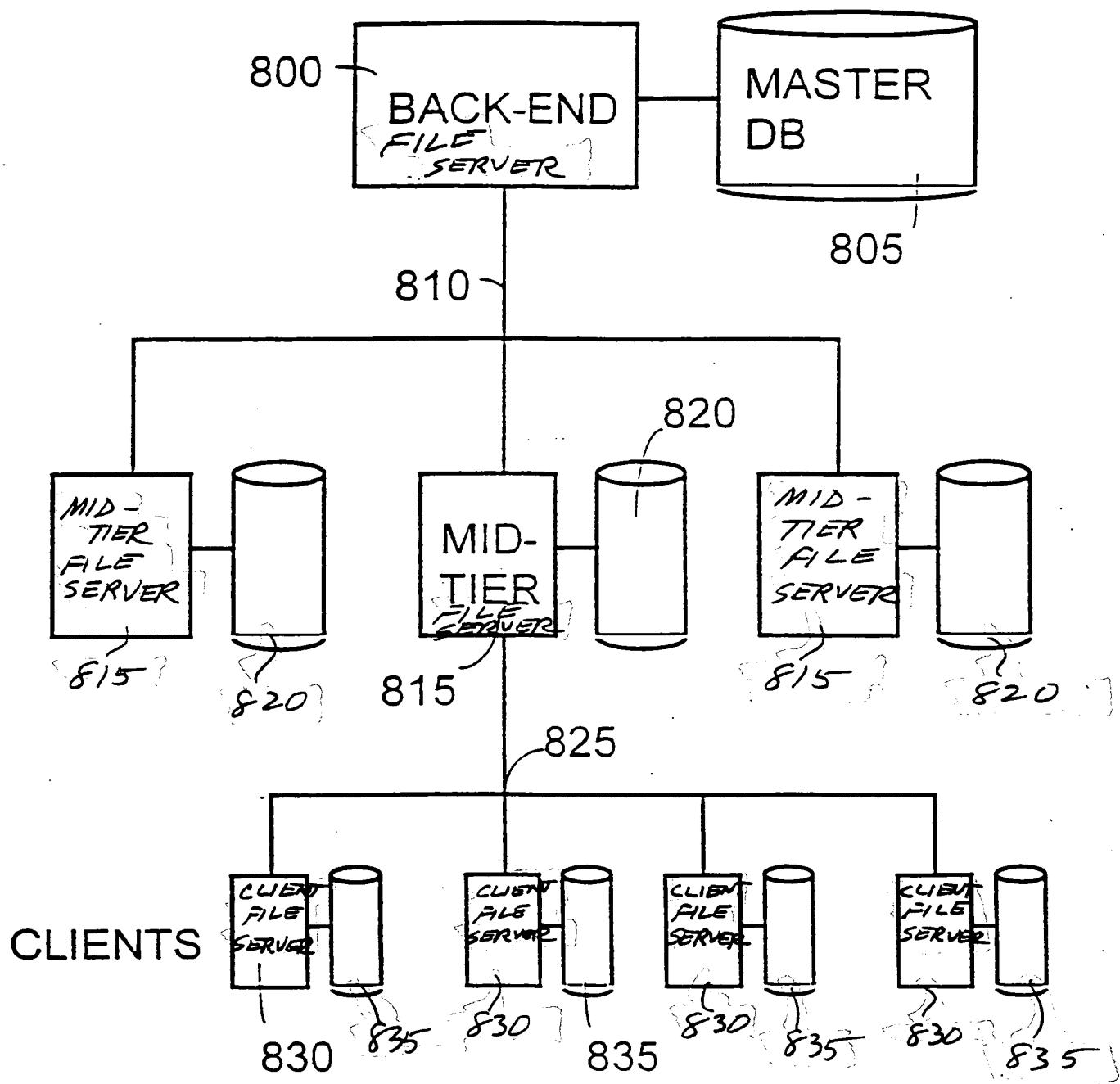


FIG. 8

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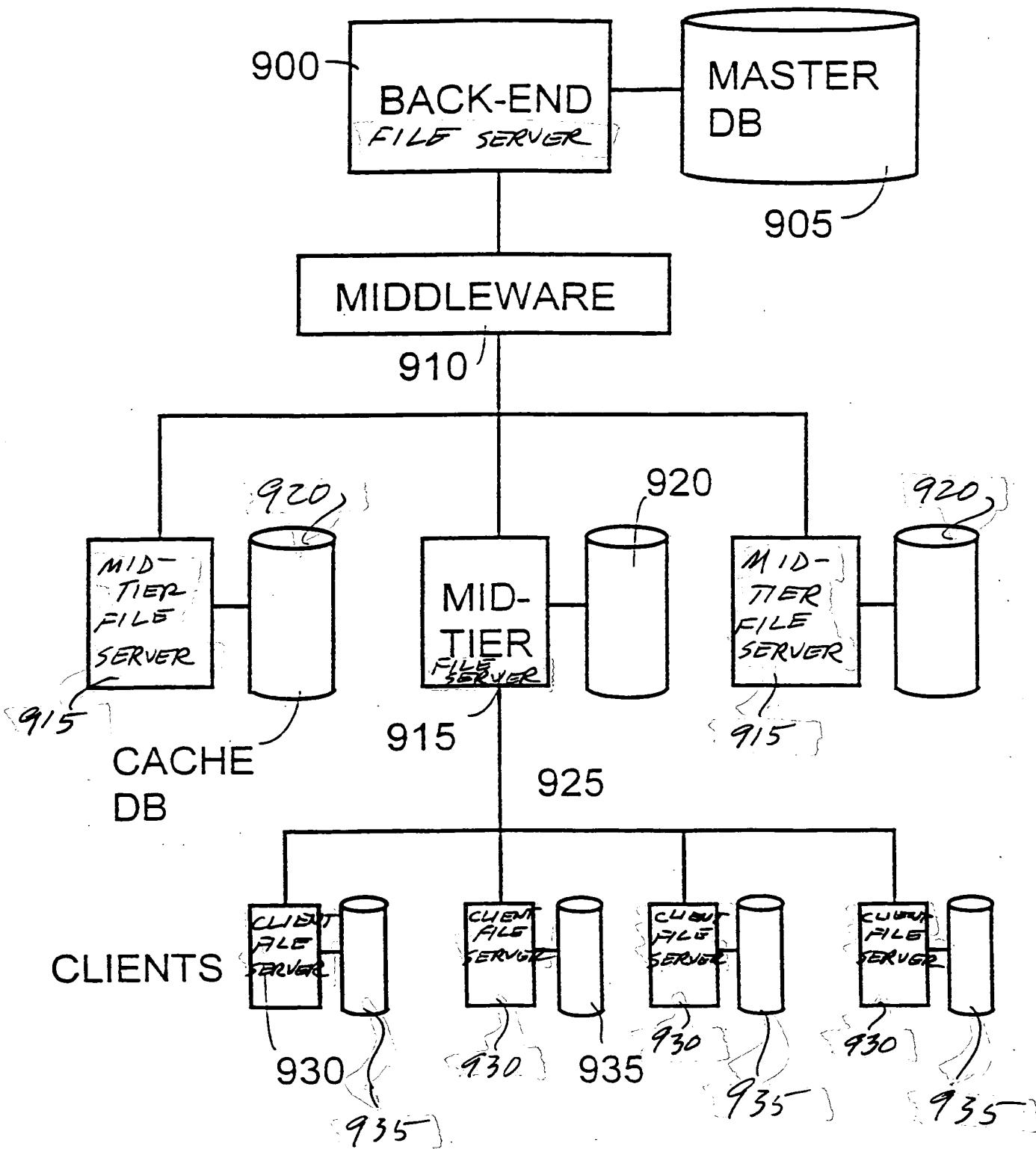


FIG. 9